

At the meeting of June 18, '45 the invasion plan for Japan was discussed. General Marshall's plan was approved.

We were approaching an experiment with the atom explosion. I was informed that event would take place within a possible thirty days.

I then suggested that after that experimental test of the fission of the atom, that we give Japan a chance to stop the war by a surrender. That plan was followed. Japan refused to surrender and the bomb was dropped on two targets after which event the surrender took place.

June 7, 1954

Following the decision ^{referred to} in the last
memo, when the message arrived
informing us of the successful
explosion of the experimental atom
bomb at Los Alamos, Sec. Stimson,
Gen. Marshall, Adm. Leahy, Sec. Byrnes,
Gen. Arnold and one or two others
came into my office at the Potsdam
White House and we discussed
the proposed ultimatum talked
about on June 18th.

After some discussion it was
decided to send the message from
Potsdam. Of course Chiang had to
be informed and asked to join
with Pa. Min. Churchill and myself.
The message was sent both by air
and through Sweden and Switzerland
I'm sure. We had nothing in reply

but the radio statement re-
fusing to surrender.

I am not informed at all
on the last question. It is proba-
bly a Monday morning quarter-
back affair ~~after~~ after the game
was over.

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